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# DECLARATION

Of the Lords and Commons  
Assembled in Parliament,

For the preservation and safety of the Kingdom, and  
the Town of

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The assurance of both Houses to satisfie all losse sustained by any service done for the safety of the said Town, by reason of the overflowing of the Water upon any the grounds there, to all persons that shall be found faithfull in their severall services.

Together with an ORDER of both Houses of Parliament to all Lord Lieutenants and Deputy Lieutenants of their severall Counties, to raise Forces to suppress all disturbers of the peace.

Ordered by the Lords and Commons, That this be forthwith  
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Of the Commons

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For the preservation and safety of the Kingdom, and  
the Town of

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The assistance of both Houses to

rights in this limited by any law done for the  
safety of the said Town, by reason of the foregoing  
the Whorem and any other persons, to all  
persons shall be made known

Together with an ORDER of

both Houses of Parliament to all Lord Bishops  
and Deputy Bishops and other persons, to  
the, to make Forces to support in the  
subpoena of the peace.

Ordered by the Lords and Commons, That the following  
Persons be appointed

W. L. GAY

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# A Declaration of the Lords and Commons assembled in Parliament.

**A**S in all our endeavours since this Parliament began, we intended wholly the advancement of His Majesties honour and safety, and the regainment of the ancient (though of late yeers much invaded) Rights, Laws, and Liberties, being the Birthright of the Subjects of this Land, and settling of the true Protestant Religion (the glory of our Nation) in peace and purity; so did we no lesse hope for, and expect His Majesties concurrence in those particulars, they being the very foundation of His Majesties present honour and greatnesse, and the fountain of perfect and future blisse to himself, and all His loyall Subjects, which too evidently we see our selves (by the wicked Councellers now unmasked about his Majesty) not only deprived of, but insted thereof open war declared, and prosecuted against his Majesties loyall Subjects of *Hull*, and elsewhere in this Kingdom, far unsutable to such Declarations of love and peace as His Majestie hath frequently promised and published to the Kingdom; and in particular to the Countie of *York*, with sollemne protestations that He would not, nor had it entered His thoughts to make war against His Parliament, which how agreeable they are to the present courses of his Majesty & Councellers, specially since frō his agents abroad He received provisions fit for war, which immediately

mediately have been put on for execution, we referre to the whole world to judge of.

But howeuer those promises and protestations have been no sooner made, but broken, and our hope of peace and safety thereby wholly disappointed. Yet that it may appeare to all Ages to come, that as in duty we are bound (the Kingdom having intrusted us) so we have not, nor will be found wanting in the least degree of our care and providence (God assisting us) for the preservation of the whole Kingdom, and the Town of *Hull*, and the Inhabitants thereof from violence, and ruine, though for the effecting thereof His Majestie hath proceeded to many hostile preparations and acts, by having got divers Pieces of great Ordnance, and other warlike provisions both of horse and foot, for the raking in of the said Town, and His other designes, and by cutting off their fresh-water, intercepting and restraining of victualls and other necessaries for their subsistence and livelihood, as if to obey the Parliaments Commands (that being Sir *John Hothams* Crime) though never so much for the safety of the whole Kingdom, were so capirall an offence, as nothing but death, ruine, and destruction could expiate.

Wherefore we the Lords and Commons in Parliament assembled have thought fit, and do hereby declare, That whereas Sir *John Hotham* Governour of *Hull*, by the speciall order of the Parliament appointed for that service, hath been forced for the prevention of the sudden surprisall, and destruction of the Town, and the Inhabitants thereof to let in some Tydes from *Humber* upon the grounds adjoyning to the said Town, which for present could not otherwise have been secured; We do there-

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therefore hereby promise and assure al and every such person and persons whatsoever, either the Owners, or Farmers of any the said grounds which shall be impaired by this overflowing of the water, full and ample satisfaction for all such losse as they or any of them shall thereby sustaine (except such persons only) as formerly have been, now are, or hereafter shall be found the stirrers up, Abettors, or furtherers of any such way, or meanes as have, or may conduce to the endangering, or annoyance of the said Town of *Hull*, or the Governour thereof in his service and duty therein, or shall any way disturb the peace and safety of the said Town, or any the Inhabitants thereof, who stand well affected thereto. And we do also declare, That We the Lords and Commons in Parliament assembled, will not onely protect, secure, and save harmless all and every such person, and persons whatsoever, as have or shall either by Sea, or Land provide, furnish, or deliver any provision of victuall, beere, or other thing whatsoever for the relief and safety of the Garrison of *Hull*, but shall also make good payment for the same, and thankfully accept thereof, as good service done to the Kingdom, any pretended warrant issued, or hereafter to be issued out under the colour of any name or authority whatsoever to the contrary notwithstanding: And for as much as we are informed that some of the Inhabitants of *Hull* stand firmly resolved in their good affections to the service, and safe keeping of the said Town, for the good of the King and Kingdom, We thought fit also to declare, That all such of the Inhabitants thereof as shall continue well affected to the said service, and stand close in their fidelitie and assistance to the Governour thereof; we do hereby assure



sure and promise them, that they shall receive from us protection and encouragement answerable to such a service, as will be very acceptable unto us, in respect of the importance of it for the preservation of Religion and safety of this Kingdom. And lastly, We do declare our acknowledgement, acceptance, and approbation of that prudent valour, vigilancy and faithfullnesse of the Governour, Officers and Souldiers employed in the said Town, both for the discovery of plots formerly contrived for the betraying of the said Town, and their undaunted resolutions to keep the same against whomsoever for the service of His Majestie and Kingdom; And do promise and assure them, that every particular good service done or to be done by any Commander or Souldier serving or to serve therein, shall be rewarded as shall answer the greatnesse of this Kingdom, and the qualitie of the service.



*Die Lune, 4. Julii, 1642.*

**I**T is this day Resolved upon the Question by the Lords and Commons in Parliament assembled, That in case any force be brought out of one County into any other County of this Kingdom, to disturb the peace thereof; That the Lord Lieutenants and Deputy Lieutenants of the Counties adjoyning upon notice given unto them of such disturbance, by the Lord Lieutenants or Deputy Lieutenants where such disturbance is made, be hereby required to give aid and assistance to the said other Lord Lieutenants and Deputy Lieutenants or any of them, so requiring the same, for the present suppressing of such force and disturbers of the peace, by Voluntiers, and such of the Trained Bands of their severall Counties that shall voluntarily go to give their assistance.

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